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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

() Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the Response to Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 25, 2002.

() Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Supplemental Arguments

() Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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2. Miscellaneous:

() Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

3. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$370 small entity/\$740 large entity)

() Fee for suspension (\$130)

(X) Extension of Time fee:

- () One Month (\$55/\$110)
- () Two Month (\$200/\$400)
- () Three Month (\$460/\$920)
- (X) Four Month (\$720/\$1440)

4. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$2,180 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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